
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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Medicaid Services (CMS)

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SUBJECT: Provider Education Article: Quarterly Provider Update

An article is attached that will assist you in informing the provider community about the availability of the CMS Quarterly Provider Update.

Include this article:

- In your first provider/supplier bulletin or newsletter of each quarter;
- In a message sent to providers/suppliers through any listserve(s) or electronic mailing list(s) you maintain on the first business day of each quarter; and
- On your Medicare provider Web site in the “What’s New” (or similarly titled) section.

You are encouraged to provide any additional information in your bulletin to supplement or complement the article.

The effective date for this PM is May 23, 2003.

The implementation date for this PM is May 23, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded May 23, 2004.

If you have questions, please contact the appropriate regional office.

Attachment

Quarterly Provider Update

The Quarterly Provider Update is a comprehensive resource published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the first business day of each quarter. It is a listing of all non-regulatory changes to Medicare including Program Memoranda, manual changes, and any other instructions that could affect providers. Regulations and instructions published in the previous quarter are also included in the Update. The purpose of the Quarterly Provider Update is to:

- Inform providers about new developments in the Medicare program;
- Assist providers in understanding CMS programs and complying with Medicare regulations and instructions;
- Ensure that providers have time to react and prepare for new requirements;
- Announce new or changing Medicare requirements on a predictable schedule; and
- Communicate the specific days that CMS business will be published in the Federal Register.

To receive notification when regulations and program instructions are added throughout the quarter, sign up for the Quarterly Provider Update listserv (electronic mailing list) at <http://list.nih.gov/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=cms-qpu&A=1>.

The Quarterly Provider Update can be accessed at <http://www.cms.gov/providerupdate>. We encourage you to bookmark this Web site and visit it often for this valuable information.